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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.
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Weekly update

This week has been another busy and positive one at Dallimore, with plenty to celebrate across our school community.

In assembly, we spent some time learning about Black History Month and discussing the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect, regardless of their race, religion, culture or background. Our children reflected thoughtfully on how our differences make our community stronger and why it is important that everyone feels valued, included and respected.

We are also delighted to share some staffing news. We have appointed Mrs Cope as our new Reception Teaching Assistant. Mrs Cope is a highly experienced TA and will be joining us in a few weeks' time. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to the Dallimore team and know she will be a fantastic addition to our school.

We are equally pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Williams as our new EYFS Lead. Miss Williams will be joining us after Christmas and will be based in Bumblebees Class. She achieved an Outstanding rating at her current school, and we are excited about the knowledge and expertise she will bring to our Early Years provision.

Finally, today marks Mrs Barber's last day at Dallimore. Mrs Barber has made an enormous contribution to our school and has supported countless children and families during her time with us. She has done a fantastic job and will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and parents alike. On behalf of the whole school community, we thank her for everything she has done and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 96.7%

Overall attendance so far this year: 95.8%

Class with the best attendance this week: Robins and Foxes: 100%

What attendance percentages look like over the course of a year.

Attendance	What is your attendance?		
	100%	0 days off	Perfect!
	98%	4 days off	Very impressive
	96%	7 days off	Good
	95%	9 days off	Almost there
	94%	11 days off	Needs to improve
	90%	1 month off	Concerns
	80%	2 months off	Serious concerns

This week has been an excellent week for attendance - every day really makes a big difference to both how the children settle and their learning.

If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch with me - pop in or give us a call.

Sporting Update

Well done to the group of KS2 children who represented Dallimore at a cross-country event this week. They showed superb determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout, and we were incredibly proud of the effort and positive attitude they displayed.

A big thank you also goes to Miss Haywood for organising the event and supporting the children. Opportunities like these help our pupils develop confidence, teamwork and a love of being active.

Wear Red Day - Friday 16th October

On Friday 16th October, we will be taking part in Wear Red Day in support of Show Racism the Red Card. Children are invited to come to school wearing something red and make a voluntary £1 donation (this can be anything red or simply a red accessory).

The money raised will help fund workshops and learning opportunities that promote tolerance, respect and anti-racism, helping children understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness and fairness, regardless of their background, race, religion or culture.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote these important values across our school community.

Online Safety Update

As children spend more time online, it's important that we continue working together to keep them safe. Please remember to:

- Talk to your child about being kind online and reporting any bullying.
- Check age ratings on apps, games and social media platforms.
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something online worries them.
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible.
- Regularly check who your child is communicating with online, particularly in group chats.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children stay safe online.

Diary dates - more information will be provided nearer the time about specific events

Thursday 15th October - 4pm - Reception and KS1 Phonics and reading meeting

Friday 16th October - Wear something red for show racism the red card

Friday 16th October - 9:15am - Reception and KS1 Phonics and reading meeting

Monday 2nd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - KS2 Halloween disco

Tuesday 3rd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - Reception and KS1 Halloween disco

Tuesday 10th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Thursday 12th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Friday 13th November - Children in need

Friday 4th December - Non-uniform (in return for a Christmas Fair donation)

Monday 7th December - 2:15pm - KS1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 8th December - 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Wednesday 9th December - 9:30am - KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 10th December - 2:30pm - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Bake Off entries

Friday 11th December - 2:45pm onwards - Christmas Fair

Monday 14th December - 2:30pm - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Craft afternoon

Tuesday 15th December - 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery (Dragonflies) and Reception Christmas Craft afternoon - 2:30pm